PETETION

By The Students and Faculty of George, R. Smith Colloge File An Urgent Petetion With The Legisla ture Through Representative E. E. John ston of Pettis County.

To the Resconding B. Johnston and other members of the Mis-

Honorable and Respected Sirs:-Whereau there has been reported to the House of Representatives with recommend for pascage a bill providing for separate reilway and street cars and waiting fooms for the white and the colored races. Therefore, we, the undersigned teachers and students in the Geo. R. Smith College, beand of those who would be directly affected if the proposed measure should become a law, and representing a jarge number of others, do respectfully petition and pray that you personally vote against the passage of this bill, and so far as you are able to influence others to do the same.

In support to our pies we present the following considerations: ist. In all cases where similar measures have been adopted. the accommodations for the Colored people have been greatly inferfor to those for the whites, and in most places positively inadequate and offensive, although the same charges were exacted. We have no reason to believe that the rule will break down in this case and that the unjust and illegal discrimination will not be applied to us.

Endeavoring to be lawabiding, orderly and polite mempers of the traveling public, intringeing on the rights of no one, and carefully striving to offend no one in any way, we feel that such a measure as is proposed to be an uncalled for discrimination and a asmiliation of our selfrespect, and not in accordance with the Gol-

As the number of Negroes in the State is comparatively small-only 200,000 in a population of 4,000,000. The pretext for such a measure is less obvious, than in some other states the same time the smaller numbers might be made a pretext for the public carriers, the street and railway cars, not to provide suitable

For these and similar reasons, not to mention the principles of ustice and humanity, we respectfully pray and petition that the the cars assigned to colored pas- cording to M. Remy, the corresproposed bill be not enacted into a law.

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Aits Jim-Crow Law Can Not Fine.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE FORCED BY NIAG-ARA MOVEMENT LAWYER TO COME INTO SUPREME COURT OF STATE AND ADMIT ERROR IN LOWER COURT'S DECISION IN UP HOLDING FINE OF MISS POPE.

Holds Railroad Can Eject Under State Jimerow Law Even Inter state Passengers-Civil Case To Be Brought Next To Get Decir ion As To Constitutionality of State Law.

General Public Should Send Donations to Help in Expense of This Work for Good of Race to F. L. McGlee, St. Paul, Minne soto, Head of Legal Bureau of The Niagara Movement.

Last August, Miss Barbara Pope colored lady of Washington, D. C. boarded a southern train in that city for a point near Falls Church, Tirginis, The conducfor directed her to take one of tion by reason of the arrest.

ded that she was an interstate part of the American delegates passenger and that she could not be required to conform to the Vir Terrell of Washington, who deginia law. She was taken to the livered one speech in German circuit court of Fairtax county, and another in equally good Virginia, where the judgment of French. Mrs. Terrell is a colorthe trial court was affirmed. An ed woman who appears to have appeal was then taken to the Su- been beyond every other of our preme Court of the state. When delegates prominent for her abilthe case was called the Attorney ity to make addresses in other General entered a confession of than her own language." In a error for the state and the case syndicate letter to some of the was remanded for trial.

offending passengers in such cas- and one equally good in French es, but holds that they can be re This achievement on the part of of the violations on the street cars appearance and the eloquence of the offenders are liable to arrest her words, carried the audience and fine or imprisonment, as no by storm and she had to respond inconvenience follows for the pas | hree times to the encores before senger and the police can be call they were satisfied. It was more ed on to take charge of offenders | than a personal triumph, it was In case of railroad trains the com a taiumph for her race." pany is liable to a fine of \$500 for not removing such offending pasaengers.

Niagara Movement has charge of ing a sentiment in favor of her this case and it determines to fight race. Wherever she speaks, her the matter to the last ditch. The elopuent utterances and chaste Niagara Movement was interest- diction make a deep impression personal friend of Miss Pope.

actment of Class Legislation a This gifted and hishly culturgainst her Negro cuturens. States and politicians are need in R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.,

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell

Createst Lady Lecturer of The Race Will Visit Sedalia on The 21st.

Mrs. Terrell was chosen as one of the speakers at the International Congress of Women which was held in Berlin, Germany, June, 1904. Her address on that occasion was widely commented upon, because she was the only one of the American delegates who spoke in German, "The woman who made the best appearance of the convention," ac-



THE NOTED LECTURER

sengers, but this she declined to pondent of the Paris Temps,"was do. The train proceeded to Fall Mrs. Terrell of Washington, 'a church, and on its arrival there lady of Andalusian complexion,' the woman was placed under ar- who in ease of manner, gracefulrest by a policeman and taken be ness and force of gesture and natfore the mayor, who imposed a uralness of expression was abead fine on the woman for violation of of all other oratrices. Mrs. Terthe "Jim Crow" law. She was al- rell spoke in German with the so detained for nearly twenty four same fluency and ease as in her hours from reaching her destina- native tongue." The Washington Post declared editoria:ly: Counsel for the woman conten "The hit of the Congress on the largest newspapers in the coun-The attorney general says that try Mrs. Ida musted Harper said the law in the case does not pro- "Mrs, Terrell was able to deliver vide for fine on the part of the one speech in excellent German moved from the trains. In cases a colored woman, added to a fine

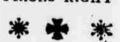
Mrs. Tearell is yet a young woman and has before her a future of usefulness. Her splendid The Legal Department of the work is Joing much towards created in the case, while at Harper's | which must have its influence in Ferry lant summer, through attor the final shaping of the vexed ney C. G. Morgan, of Boston, a problems that confront the coloronal friend of Miss Pope. ed people of this country. Her ex -- Baltimore Guide, Jan. 26. ceptional attackments and general demeanor are a wonderful force in eradicating the prejudice a Poor old Missouri is about to gainst colored women. She is making an opening for her sisters "WE SELL MORE STOVES THAN OTHERS COMBINED.



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